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Dear Sir-

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicants wish to make the following references of record in the above-identified application as a result of the International Search Report (A copy of which is enclosed), in the corresponding PCT patent application No. PCT/FR2005/000758.

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